

Response under 37 C.F.R. 1. 116 – Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group Art Unit 3676

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Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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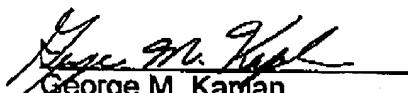

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION**

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 12, 2005 by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment:

The amendment to the claims begins on page 2; and

The Remarks begin on page 7.

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